United States and World Timeline During Lincoln's Lifetime

	In the United States		In Europe and the Rest of the World
•	Abraham Lincoln born James Madison inaugurated President	1809	 Russia conquers Finland and annexes it Napoleon annexes the Papal States and imprisons Pope Pius VII Britain signs the Treaty of Amritsar with the Sikhs in India English inventor George Cayley builds the first successful glider
•	Southerners revolt against Spanish rule in West Florida Yale opens a medical school	1810	 Yellow fever kills 25,000 in Spain
	William Henry Harrison wins the Battle of Tippecanoe in the Indiana Territory Caspar Wistar publishes America's first anatomy textbook The New Madrid earthquake affects the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys The first steam-powered riverboat operates on the Mississippi The Cumberland Road is begun	1811	 Jane Austen published Sense and Sensibility Mohammed Ali overthrows the Mameluke rulers in the Middle East Count Amadeo Avogadro states the principal of Avogadro's number Philip Beaver maps the eastern coast of Africa
•	Louisiana admitted to the Union War of 1812 begins (ends in 1814) The first life insurance company begins operation in Philadelphia	1812	 Napoleon defeated in Russia First tin cans for food storage made in England The Grimm Brothers publish <i>Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> The waltz becomes popular in England The Elgin Marbles are exhibited in London
•	Capt. Oliver Perry wins the Battle of Lake Erie Shawnee Chief Tecumseh is killed in battle	1813	 Napoleon defeated at the Battle of Leipzig Jane Austen publishes Pride and Prejudice
:	Francis Scott Key writes "The Star- Spangled Banner" (It will not become the national anthem until 1931) The British set fire to Washington, D.C. Francis C. Lowell opens the first mechanized factory for processing cotton into cloth	1814	 Napoleon abdicates and enters exile on Elba The Congress of Vienna is called to restore order following Napoleon's defeat
•	Andrew Jackson wins the Battle of New Orleans – 2 weeks after the War of 1812 ends with the Treaty of Ghent Stephen Decatur ends the Algerine	1815	 Napoleon returns from exile Napoleon defeated at Waterloo Congress of Vienna determines European borders

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•	of Algiers Robert Fulton builds the first US steam-powered warship			
:	Indiana admitted to the Union The Year in Which There Was No Summer sees 10 inches of snow fall on June 6 in New England Boston and Philadelphia see the first savings banks	1816	:	Shaka, the Zulu chief, rises to power in south Africa Rossini's <i>The Barber of Seville</i> is performed for the first time The kaleidoscope is invented A typhus outbreak in Ireland will kill 25% of the population by 1819
	Construction begins on the Erie Canal Mississippi admitted to Union Baltimore begins using gas-fueled street lights The American Society for the Return of Negroes to Africa is formed	1817		José de Martín defeats the Spanish in Chile Berzelius discovers the element selenium
	Illinois admitted to Union Thomas Blanchard invents a lathe capable of making gun stocks The Savannah becomes the first steam-powered ship to cross the Atlantic	1818	:	Mary Shelley publishes <i>Frankenstein</i> John Keats gives up the practice of medicine for poetry Thomas Bowdler publishes his heavily censored version of Shakespeare's plays
•	Spain cedes Florida to the US Alabama admitted to Union	1819	•	Simon Bolivar becomes President of Greater Colombia (Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Panama) Britain establishes the colony of Singapore
:	Missouri Compromise passed Maine admitted to Union Washington Irving publishes <i>The Sketch Book</i> (It includes "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.") William Underwood opens a cannery in Boston Football is played for the first time (as a form of hazing)	1820	:	Minh Mang, Emperor of Vietnam, expels Christians Sir Walter Scott publishes <i>Ivanhoe</i> The Venus de Milo is discovered
:	Missouri admitted to Union Boston English High School – the first public high school in the US – opens Sequoyah develops an alphabet that makes Cherokee a written language The copper-zinc battery is invented Congress rejects John Quincy Adams' proposal that the US convert to the metric system	1821	:	Mexico achieves independence Michael Faraday discovers electromagnetic rotation The Greek War of Independence begins George Dollond invents a micrometer for measuring stars Champollion translates hieroglyphics
•	Denmark Vesey, who bought his freedom, plans a slave revolt	1822	•	Liberia founded as a home for freed slaves

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:	Clement Moore writes "A Visit from St. Nicholas" Yale bans football W. C. Graham patents false teeth		•	Brazil gains its independence from Portugal Franz Liszt debuts in Vienna a the age of 11
:	Monroe Doctrine established James Fenimore Cooper begins his Leatherstocking Tales with <i>The</i> Pioneer The first gymnasium with the purpose of teaching gymnastics opens in Massachusetts	1823	:	Berzelius identifies the element silicon Britain ends the death penalty for more than 100 crimes Rugby is played in England William Wilberforce establishes an anti-slavery organization in England
•	The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute opens – America's first science and engineering school	1824		Beethoven composes his Ninth Symphony Herschel publishes a treatise on gravity in space
: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	John Quincy Adams inaugurated President Texas is opened to US settlers Thomas Cole begins the Hudson River School of painting The Erie Canal is opened Thomas Kensett gets a patent for tin- plated cans Robert Dale Owen establishes a Utopian community in Indiana Department of Education Bostonian carpenters strike for a 10- hour day	1825		Bolivia declares itself independent Britain declares war on the Ashanti on the Gold Coast of Africa The Bolshoi Ballet is founded André Ampère states the electromagnetic theory Britain permits laborer to organize into unions
	James Fenimore Cooper publishes The Last of the Mohicans Samuel Morey patents an internal combustion engine Harvard instructor Charles Follen introduces physical education	1826	:	Russia declares war on Persia Mendelssohn composes the "Overture" to Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream The Japanese artist Hokusai begins series "Thirty-six Views of Mt. Fuji"
	Northerners seek protectionist tariffs, while Southerners oppose them Freedom's Journal, the first African-American newspaper begins publication Massachusetts enacts the first mandatory and free public schools Birds of America published by James Audubon French-American students initiate the first Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans	1827		Russia defeats Persia Karl Ernst von Baer demonstrates that mammals actually develop from eggs Friction matches are made in England
•	Congress passes the Tariff of Abominations, sparking regional contention Noah Webster publishes his <i>American</i>	1828	•	Greece achieves independence from the Ottoman Empire Russia declares war on the Ottoman Empire

	Dictionary of the English Language Construction on the first public railroad begins (Baltimore and Ohio) Joseph Henry invents the electromagnet		•	Robert Brown proposes his concept of Brownian Movement
:	Andrew Jackson inaugurated President and initiates the spoils system Poe publishes his first poems Jacob Bigelow coins the word technology The first American encyclopedia is published	1829	•	Daniel O'Connell calls for the repeal of the union of Great Britain and Ireland Rossini composes the <i>William Tell</i> opera Nikolai Ivanovich Lobachevsky becomes the founder of non-Euclidian geometry
:	Indian Removal Act enacted Mexico forbids further US settlement Oliver Wendell Holmes writes "Old Ironsides" Peter Cooper builds the first commercially successful steam engine – the Tom Thumb (Godey's) Lady's Book magazine is published	1830	•	Hector Berlioz composes the Symphonie fantastique Frederick Chopin makes his debut in Warsaw
	Significant slave uprising lead by Nat Turner The Liberator published by William Lloyd Garrison, a leading abolitionist Joseph Henry builds the first electric motor and electromagnetic telegraph The American flag is called "Old Glory" for the first time	1831	•	Victor Hugo publishes the Hunchback of Notre Dame Charles Darwin begins his famous voyage on the Beagle Robert Brown discovers the cell nucleus
:	South Carolina passes the Ordinance of Nullification, purporting to overturn federal tariffs The Black Hawk War begins Samuel Morse designs an improved telegraph Cholera sweeps through many large American cities The first clipper ship – the <i>Ann McKim</i> – sets sail Cyrus McCormick invents the reaper	1832	:	George Sand publishes <i>Indiana</i> First European railway completed
	Abolitionists found the American Anti- slavery Society Oberlin College opens and accepts both male and female students Sketches and Eccentricities of Col. David Crockett, of West Tennessee is published	1833	:	Great Britain abolishes slavery Muhammed Ali of Egypt takes control of Syria Michael Faraday coins the words electrolysis, electrolyte, anode, and cathode The monopoly of the East India Company ends in China
•	The federal government orders the Seminoles to leave Florida	1834	:	Civil war breaks out in Spain Robert Bunsen discovers and antidote

:	Indian Territory founded Jacob Perkins patents the compressor Americans begin to eat tomatoes (formerly considered poisonous)		•	for arsenic poisoning Louis Braille introduces his system to allow the blind to read
:	The Texas Revolution begins Jackson survives the first assassination attempt on a US President Henry Burden invents a horseshoe- making machine Samuel Colt invents the revolver	1835		Hans Christian Andersen publishes his first fairy tales Elias Lönnrot compiles the national epic of Finland, the <i>Kalevala</i> Gaspard-Gustave de Coriolis describes the atmospheric effect named for him
:	Texas declared an independent nation Arkansas admitted to the Union McGuffey Readers published for the first time John Ericsson patents a screw propeller with blades	1836	•	Dickens publishes <i>The Pickwick Papers</i> Theodor Schwann discovers the digestive enzyme pepsin
:	Martin Van Buren inaugurated President Michigan admitted to the Union Congress enlarges the Supreme Court to include seven justices Mount Holyoke Seminary becomes the first permanent women's college Emerson calls for American literary independence from England in his "American Scholar" John Deere invents a plow with a steel mold-board	1837	:	Queen Victoria begins her reign Charles Dickens publishes <i>Oliver</i> <i>Twist</i> Friedrich Fröbel opens the first kindergarten in Germany Tokugawa Shogunate begins in Japan (ends in 1853)
:	The Cherokee Trail of Tears The Underground Railroad begins Morse code introduced Charles Wilkins discovers that Antarctica is a continent	1838	:	Boers found Natal Auguste Comte coins the word sociology
	Charles Goodyear discovers the vulcanization of rubber Abner Doubleday builds the first baseball diamond in Cooperstown, New York	1839	:	Opium War in China (until 1843) Theodor Schwann identifies the cell as the basic unit of life Daguerre invents the first form of photography
	Edgar Allan Poe publishes his first collection of stories President Van Buren establishes the 10-hour work day for federal employees	1840	•	Upper and lower Canada united
	William Henry Harrison inaugurated President (John Tyler inaugurated one month later) Supreme Court hears the Amistad case	1841	:	The British seize Hong Kong James Clark Ross leads an expedition to Antarctica and claims it for Great Britain

- Petroleum's first commercial use is as a patent medicine
- The Utopian Brook Farm is established
- Massachusetts establishes a 10-hour work day for children under 12
- The Webster-Ashburton Treaty establishes the US-Canadian border from Maine to Minnesota
- The New York Philharmonic is founded
- Crawford Long performs the fist successful surgery anesthetized with ether
- P. T. Barnum opens his American Museum
- US sends diplomatic envoys to Hawaii
- Oliver Wendell Holmes advises doctors to change their clothes and wash their hands before delivering a baby
- American newspapers coin the word millionaire
- US signs a friendship and commerce treaty with China
- Samuel F. B. Morse sends the first telegraphic message: "What hath God wrought!"
- Edgar Allan Poe perpetrates a hoax claiming a successful transatlantic balloon flight from Europe
- First private bath available in an American hotel
- James K. Polk inaugurated President
- Florida and Texas admitted to the Union
- The term "manifest destiny" first used
- Poe publishes "The Raven"
- Alfred Beach founds the Scientific American
- Boston elementary schools initiate the first written exams at that level
- The US Naval Academy opens in Annapolis, Maryland
- Iowa admitted to the Union
- Mexican War begins (ends in 1848)
- Michigan abolishes the death penalty
- Smithsonian Institution founded
- Elias Howe patents a lock-stitch sewing machine
- The first recorded baseball game is played

- 1842
- Treaty of Nanking ends the Opium War
- China cedes Hong Kong to Britain
- Christian Doppler explain the effect named for him
- Werner von Siemens invents an electroplating process
- The Mine Act in England prohibits women and children from working in mines
- 1843
- British settlers wage war against the Maoris in New Zealand
- Dickens publishes A Christmas Carol
- William R. Hamilton devises the system of complex numbers based on the square root of -1
- 1844
- Alexander Dumas publishes The Three Musketeers
- George Williams founds the UMCA in England
- England limits the work day of children under 13 to 6 ½ hours
- 1845
- Alexander Dumas publishes The Count of Monte Cristo
- The Great Irish Famine follows the failure of the potato crop (1.5 million perish)

- 1846
- John C. Horseley designs the first hand-painted Christmas card
- Antoine Joseph Sax patents the saxophone
- Johann Galle and Heinrich d'Arrest discover the planet Neptune
- Hugo von Mohl identifies and names protoplasm
- Henry Rawlinson deciphers cuneiform

	Maria Mitchell discovers a comet and is recognized as America's first woman astronomer The American Medical Association is founded Adhesive postage stamps are first used	1847	: : : : :	Sir James Simpson uses chloroform medically Liberia becomes an independent republic Charlotte Bronte publishes Jane Eyre Emily Bronte publishes Wuthering Heights Anne Bronte publishes Agnes Grey William Makepeace Thackeray publishes Vanity Fair Charles Babbage invents the ophthalmoscope Flu epidemic kills 15,00 in London
:	Wisconsin admitted to the Union Mexico cedes territory to the US California Gold Rush begins Women's rights convention held at Seneca Falls Quincy Grammar School in Boston separates students into grades George Bond discovers the eight moon of Saturn – Hyperion John B. Curtis manufactures the first commercial chewing gum	1848		Marx and Engels publish <i>The</i> Communist Manifesto Kelvin creates the absolute temperature scale
: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	Zachary Taylor inaugurated President The US Department of Interior is created to address the needs of Western settlers Pacific Railroad is chartered Elizabeth Blackwell becomes the first female MD in the world Harriet Tubman escapes slavery J. R. Chapin invents the safety pin	1849	•	Sir Henry Layard excavates ancient Nineveh
:	Millard Fillmore inaugurated President California admitted to the Union Compromise of 1850 made Fugitive Slave Act enacted Nathaniel Hawthorne publishes <i>The</i> Scarlet Letter Cholera sweeps through the Midwest	1850	•	Elizabeth Barrett Browning publishes Sonnets from the Portuguese
:	Maine forbids the manufacture or sale of alcohol Isaac Singer patents the continuousstitch sewing machine Herman Melville publishes Moby Dick Emmanuel Leutz paints Washington Crossing the Delaware Baseball uniforms are worn for the first time	1851		King Rama IV opens Thailand to foreign trade (He is the king in <i>The King and I</i>) Gold discovered in southeastern Australia Hermann von Helmholtz invents the ophthalmoscope
•	Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	1852	•	Henri Giffard makes a successful flight in a steam-powered airship

•	Franklin Pierce inaugurated President	1853	•	Crimean War begins (lasts until 1856)
•	The Gadsen Purchase made Commodore Matthew C. Perry opens Japan to trade with the US		:	Dr. David Livingston begins his trek across Africa to Victoria Falls Elizabeth Gaskell publishes <i>Cranford</i> England makes smallpox vaccination compulsory
•	The Republican Party is formed in reaction to the Kansas-Nebraska Act Henry David Thoreau publishes Walden Smith and Wesson invent the Winchester repeating rifle	1854	:	Treaty of Kanagawa opens Japan to trade with the US Boers found Orange Free State The Crimean War begins
	Walt Whitman publishes Leaves of Grass Longfellow writes "The Song of Hiawatha" Samuel Martin Kier builds the first American oil refinery in Pittsburgh	1855	•	David Livingstone discover the Victoria Falls
:	Borax discovered in California Gail Borden patents his process for condensing milk H. L. Lipman patents his pencil with an attached eraser	1856	:	The Crimean War ends Remains of Neanderthal man are first discovered
:	James Buchanan inaugurated President Dred Scott decision by Supreme Court NEA founded in Philadelphia The Atlantic Monthly begins publication	1857	•	The Sepoy Rebellion against the British takes place in India Henry Bessemer develops a steel-making process
:	Minnesota admitted to the Union The Lincoln-Douglass Debates US signs a friendship and commerce treaty with China Cyrus W. Field lays the first transatlantic telegraph cable Hamilton Smith invents a washing machine Stagecoach service and mail delivery opens between St. Louis and San Francisco Macy's Department Store opens in New York	1858	•	Hiroshige exhibits a series of prints entitled "One Hundred Views of Edo"
:	Oregon admitted to the Union John Brown raids Harpers Ferry arsenal Last slave ship arrives in Mobile, Alabama (the <i>Clothilde</i>) Daniel Emmett composes "Dixie" and "Turkey in the Straw" The first inter-varsity baseball game is	1859		Charles Darwin publishes <i>The Origin of Species</i> Dickens publishes <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> Work begins on the Suez Canal

played between Williams and Amherst

- Lincoln is elected President
- South Carolina secedes from the Union
- The US Secret Service is created
- The Pony Express begins its overland message delivery service
- Olympia Brown becomes the first female theology student in the US
- In Boston Elizabeth Peabody establishes the first English kindergarten
- Louis Agassiz rejects Darwin's theory of evolution, citing missing links
- Alvan Clarks discovers that Sirius is a double star
- Croquet becomes a popular pastime

1860

- Garibaldi conquers Sicily and Naples
- George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans) publishes A Mill on the Floss
- Frenchman Jean J. Lenoir builds the first gas-burning engine
- Florence Nightingale founds the world's first nursing school
- The first British Open Golf Championship is held

Abraham Lincoln inaugurated President

- The Confederate States of America is created
- Fort Sumter fired on, beginning the Civil War
- Lincoln orders a blockade of Southern ports
- The South defeats the North in the First Battle of Bull Run
- Kansas admitted to the Union
- Matthew Brady begins his photographic chronicling of the Civil War
- Elisha Otis patents a steam-powered elevator
- The transcontinental telegraph line makes the Pony Express obsolete
- Eberhard Faber opens a pencil factory in New York
- Vassar College first women's college fully equal to a men's college – is founded
- The US Postal Service begins carrying merchandise in addition to letters
- First federal income tax enacted

1861

- Unification of Italy
- Czar Alexander II abolishes serfdom in Russia
- Prince Albert, consort of Queen
 Victoria, dies leading the queen into
 3 years of mourning
- The principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia unite to form Romania
- According to some, Edouard Manet's Spanish Singer marks the beginning of Impressionism
- Charles Dickens publishes Great Expectations
- George Eliot publishes Silas Marner
- Gustave Doré illustrates Dante's Inferno
- The Royal Academy of Music is founded in London
- The first horse-drawn trams begin operation in London

- Grant takes Forts Henry and Donelson in Tennessee
- The ironclads Monitor and Merrimack fight to a draw
- Grant wins the Battle of Shiloh
- The bloodiest battle in American history – Antietam – is fought
- Morrill Land Grant Act passed
- Congress authorizes the printing of "greenbacks" – the first national

1862

- Otto von Bismarck advocates the unification of Germany under Prussian leadership
- Nicaragua, Honduras and San Salvador make an unsuccessful attempt to forma Central American union
- Foucault measures the speed of light
- France begins to occupy Indo-China
- Victor Hugo publishes Les Misérables

- currency
- Gail Borden patent a process for concentrating fruit juice
- Julia Ward Howe writes "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"
- Abrahm Jacobi opens the first pediatric clinic in America
- Richard J. Gatling invents the Gatling gun
- Emancipation Proclamation issued
- West Virginia admitted to the Union
- Lee wins the Battle of Chancellorsburg
- Union forces win the Battle of Gettysburg
- Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address
- Homestead Act passed
- New York draft riots
- Stephen Collins Foster composes "Beautiful Dreamer"
- Samuel Langhorne Clemens adopts the penname Mark Twain
- Ralph Waldo Emerson praises the Emancipation Proclamation in his "Boston Hymn"
- Thomas Bishop writes the lyrics for "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again"
- The National Academy of Sciences is founded in Washington, DC
- Ebenezer Butterick invents the first paper dress patterns sold in the US
- James L. Plimpton introduces roller skating to Americans
- Lincoln makes Grant general-in-chief of the Union Armies
- Sherman takes Atlanta and makes his destructive March to the Sea
- Admiral David Farragut defeats the Confederate Navy at Mobile
- Nevada admitted to the Union
- Lincoln wins re-election
- Thomas Doughty invents the periscope
- George Pullman builds the first railroad sleeping car (the Pullman Car)
- "In God We Trust" appears on a US coin for the first time – the two-cent piece
- The fraternal organization The Knights of Pythias is formed in Washington, DC

- Jean J. Lenoir builds the first automobile with and internal combustion engine
- Swiss philanthropist Jean Henri Dunant proposes the creation of the Red Cross
- Danish Prince George is selected to be King of Greece (after the English poet Lord Byron turns down the position)
 - French troops occupy Mexico City Maximilian of Austria declared Emperor of Mexico
 - Civil war breaks out in Uruguay
 - Ismail Pasha, the new king of Egypt, initiates modernization
 - Edouard Manet paints Luncheon on the Grass
 - Jules Verne publishes Five Weeks in a Balloon
 - Charles Kingsley publishes the children's book The Water-Babies
 - William Huggins invents the stellar spectroscope and shows that stars are similar to the sun
 - Scarlet fever kills more than 30,000 in England
 - The Football (soccer) Association is founded in London
 - Speke and Grant travel down the Nile to Central Africa
 - Britain cedes the Ionian Islands to Greece
 - Russia crushes Polish revolts and begins "russification" of Poland
 - Austria and Prussia declare war on Denmark
 - Russia creates the zemstvo system, a form of representational limited local government
 - China suppressed the Taiping Rebellion
 - Coalition of British, French, Dutch, and American warships bombard Choshu forts to halt anti-Western movements in Japan
 - Jules Verne publishes A Journey to the Center of the Earth
 - Charles Dickens publishes Our Mutual Friend
 - Dostoevsky publishes Notes from

1864

Underground

- James Clerk Maxwell proposes the electromagnetic waves travel at the speed of light
- Pasteur develops a method for "pasteurizing" wine (It will eventually lead to a similar process for milk.)
- The Geneva Convention establishes the neutrality of medics and field hospitals in war
- Jefferson Davis makes Lee general-inchief of the Confederate Armies
- Grant surrenders to Lee at Appomattox Court House
- Lincoln assassinated
- Andrew Johnson inaugurated President
- Colorado militia suppress the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians
- 13th Amendment ratified
- William Lloyd Garrison publishes the last issue of the abolitionist paper The Liberator
- MIT founded (It serves 15 students.)
- Alexander Holley produces the first American steel using the Bessemer Process
- Tony Pastor becomes the "Father of Vaudeville"
- Walt Whitman publishes Drum Taps
- Vassar appoints Maria Mitchell the first female professor of astronomy
- Chicago becomes the world's greatest meat-packing center
- New York creates the first fire department staffed by paid fire fighters

- **1865** Peru declares war on Spain
 - Joseph Lister successfully uses carbolic acid to prevent infection in a wound
 - Leo Tolstoy publishes War and Peace
 - Jules Verne publishes From the Earth to the Moon, predicting that America will launch the first flight to the moon
 - Lewis Carroll publishes Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
 - Gustave Doré makes his illustrations for the Bible
 - Marquis of Queensbury Rules supplant the practice of bare-knuckled boxing
 - William Booth founds an organization that will become the Salvation Army in 1878